

# Somersworth Housing Authority

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## Pest Control Addendum

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***All residents shall ensure that the conduct of themselves, their household members, guests, and visitors shall comply with the terms of the lease, of the community rules and of the Pest Control Addendum below.***

It is our goal to maintain the highest quality living environment for our residents. We have inspected the unit prior to move-in and we have found there to be no rodents or pest infestations, and it is our hope that it remains that way. Residents have an important role in preventing and controlling pests. While the presence of pests is not always related to personal cleanliness or housekeeping, good housekeeping will help control the problem by facilitating the identification of pests, minimizing an infestation, and limiting the spread.

Residents represents that all furnishings and other personal property that will be moved into their apartment are free of pests. Residents agree to maintain the premises in a manner that prevents infestation of pests in the premises. Residents agree to uphold their responsibility in part by complying with the following list of responsibilities:

1. Residents shall practice good housekeeping, including the following:
  - a. Residents shall remove clutter. Reducing clutter makes it easier to carry out housekeeping and reduces places where pests, particularly bed bugs and roaches, can nest and hide.
  - b. Residents shall keep their apartment clean, vacuuming, mopping and dusting regularly, particularly in the bedroom, being especially thorough around and under the bed, drapes and furniture. While cleaning, residents should look signs of pests, and report these immediately to your Property Manager.
  - c. Resident will inspect any second hand furniture and insure that it is free of pests before bringing it into the premises.
  - d. Residents shall not bring discarded items into their apartment.
2. Residents shall report any problem immediately; specifically, resident shall:
  - a. Report any signs of pests, especially bed bugs, immediately. Do not delay in reporting since bed bugs can multiply rapidly and create a significant infestation.
3. Residents shall cooperate with pest control measures, including:
  - a. Pest Management Professionals must be given access to a rental apartment upon reasonable (24 hour) notice to perform inspections. Inspections are necessary for everyone's health and safety, and it is a critical first step in our Pest Management Protocol and Treatment Plan.

- b. Residents shall prepare for a pest control treatment by completing all of the items on the Treatment Preparation Sheet prior to the date and time specified on the 24 hour notice to enter. If your failure to cooperate with the bedbug treatment requires the SHA to exterminate at a different time than the regularly scheduled time, I agree to pay for any fees associated with the rescheduling (Added 11/20/14). We recommend that you communicate in advance with your building's Property Manager for recommendations or assistance.
  - c. Residents shall comply with the bi-annual preventive Bed Bug Defensive treatment, including preparing the unit as required, vacating the unit when technician arrives and removal of animals for the time of treatment. This is a chemical treatment, chemical breakdown available per request at the Central Office, only apartments with a Reasonable Accommodation will be visually inspected instead of chemically treated.
4. Resident shall not sell, give away or leave infested furniture or other items in any common area of the property, in any other apartment in the building, or set them next to a dumpster. If you need to throw infested items away, place them in a large plastic bag, seal the bag, and check with your SHA's office staff for the appropriate way to dispose.
  5. Resident shall notify management of the need to throw away any infested items and will work with management to ensure that the items are disposed of properly. Tenant will be charged the appropriate fee for item disposal.
  6. Resident understands and agrees that failure to comply with any of the terms of this Addendum shall constitute a material violation of the rental agreement and could result in termination of tenancy.

I/We have read the terms and conditions listed in this contract.

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Signature

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Date

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Signature

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SHA- Property Manager Signature

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